

In the Claims:

Kindly find below, a reproduction of all claims pending in this application with Claims 1, 4, 9, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 24 shown as amended, as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A cleaner comprising:

a cleaner body comprising ~~at least two~~ first and second sheets partially connected to one another along curved peripheries thereof, and said sheets forming therebetween an opening at an unconnected portion of the peripheries into which a supporting body for supporting the cleaner is inserted;

at least one U-shaped fringe belt comprising at least one further sheet and having a large number of fringes transversely and partially provided on a side of the further sheet in a longitudinal direction, and a fringe supporting section for supporting each of the fringes, the fringes extending from the fringe supporting section, said fringe belt being convexly curved ~~along a peripheral shape of the cleaner body~~ generally corresponding to said curved peripheries of said first and second sheets and extending in a direction of insertion of the supporting body, the fringe supporting section of said fringe belt being fusion-bonded to a surface of solely the first sheet of the cleaner body along a curved line of ~~the a peripheral shape~~ of the first sheet with said fringes terminating short of said curved periphery of said first sheet thereof; and

a fiber bound body comprising a large number of fibers bundled, and said fiber bound body being fusion-bonded solely to the surface of the first sheet of the cleaner body on which the

fringe belt is fusion-bonded, and being partially surrounded by an inner periphery of the U-shaped fringe belt.

2. (Previously Cancelled).

3. (Previously Amended) The cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the fringe belt is made of a nonwoven fabric.

4. (Currently amended) The cleaner according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of U-shaped fringe belts being provided side by side on the ~~same surface~~ first sheet of the cleaner body and partially overlapping with one another along the curved line of the peripheral shape of the ~~cleaner body~~ first sheet.

5. (Previously Cancelled).

6. (Previously Cancelled).

7. (Previously amended) The cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the fiber bound body is made of a bundle of fibers having a water-absorbing property.

8. (Previously Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) The cleaner according to claim 1, further comprising a sheet material having a water-absorbing property and being provided at a rear surface of the second sheet of the cleaner body opposite to the surface of the first sheet on which the fringe belt is mounted.

10. (Previously Cancelled).

11. (Previously Cancelled).

12. (Previously amended) The cleaner according to claim 1 wherein the supporting body is comprised of a handle having supporting rods which have a shape corresponding to an inner peripheral shape within the opening of the cleaner body and said shape of said rods facilitating insertion into said opening and a grip connected to the supporting rods.

13. (Currently amended) A cleaner comprising:

a hollow fabric body comprising ~~at least two~~ first and second sheets partially connected along respective curved peripheries thereof, and said sheets having substantially flat shapes and an open end at an unconnected portion of the peripheries between the sheets,

~~at least an elongated~~ a U-shaped fringe belt comprising a large plurality of fringe elements and a continuous supporting section integrated with a portion of the fringe elements, the elongated fringe belt being curvedly disposed and fusion bonded solely to at least one surface the first sheet of the hollow fabric body in a convex arc shape following a peripheral shape of the hollow fabric body, with said fringe elements terminating short of said curved periphery of said first sheet,

a fiber bundle disposed on the curved continuous supporting section of the fringe belt and bonded solely to the surface of the first sheet of hollow fabric body and partially surrounded by the fringe belt, and

a supporting body comprising a handle having supporting means and being insertable into the hollow fabric body through the open end and a grip connected to the supporting means.

14. (Previously Cancelled).

15. (Previously Cancelled).

16. (Currently amended) The cleaner according to claim 13, further comprising a plurality of fringe belts bonded to the first sheet of the hollow fabric body such that the fringe elements of each fringe belt are overlapped.

17. (Previously Cancelled).

18. (Currently amended) The cleaner according to claim 13, further comprising a water absorbing sheet material applied to a rear surface of the second sheet of the hollow fabric body opposite to the surface on the first sheet on which the fringe belt is bonded.

19. (Currently amended) A cleaner, comprising a cleaner body having ~~at least two~~ first and second sheets partially connected together along respective curved peripheries thereof, said sheets having an opening therebetween, an insertion portion communicating with the opening, and front and rear surfaces on the first and second sheets, respectively; a convexly curved U-shaped fringe belt having a plurality of fringes on a side thereof and being disposed curvedly on and fusion-bonded solely to the front surface of the first sheet of the cleaner body with said fringes terminating short of said curved periphery of said first sheet; a supporting body for supporting the cleaner body comprising a handle and supporting rods to be inserted from the opening into the insertion portion of the cleaner body; and a sheet material having a water-absorbing property provided at the rear surface of the second sheet opposite to the front surface on the first sheet where the fringe belt is mounted on the cleaner body.

20. (Currently amended) The cleaner according to claim 19, wherein the fringe belt is comprised of a large number of fringes and an elongated fringe supporting section for supporting one end portion of the fringes to extend another end portion of the fringes from the elongated fringe supporting section, and said fringe belt being fusion-bonded to the first sheet of the cleaner body at the elongated fringe supporting section along a peripheral shape of the cleaner body.

21. (Previously amended) The cleaner according to claim 19, wherein the fringe belt is made of a nonwoven fabric.

22. (Currently amended) The cleaner according to claim 19, further comprising a plurality of fringe belts disposed side by side on the front surface of the first sheet of the cleaner body to partially overlap one another in a direction from inside to outside.

23. (Currently amended) The cleaner according to claim 19, further including a fiber bound body made of a large number of fibers bundled, and fusion-bonded solely to the front surface of the first sheet of the cleaner body to which the fringe belt is attached.

24. (Currently amended) The cleaner according to Claim 23, wherein the fiber bound body is fusion-bonded solely to the front surface

of the first sheet of the cleaner body to be at least partially ~~surround~~ surrounded by an inner peripheral portion of said fringe belt.

25. (Previously amended) The cleaner according to claim 23, wherein the fiber bound body is made of a bundle of fibers having a water-absorbing property.

26. (Previously amended) The cleaner according to claim 19, wherein the fringe belt is convexly curved in a direction from inside to outside to produce a symmetrical appearance.